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FOR ASST SECY NEWSOM FROM AMB

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION

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1. PURSUANT REFTEL AND REFS THEREIN I SAW FONOFF UNSECY FADL OBEID 9 AM DECEMBER 1. TOLD OBEID THAT I WAS CALLING ON INSTRUCTIONS TO STRESS PARTICULAR INTEREST USG TAKING IN VOTE ON CAMBODIA REP ISSUE. WHILE USG AND GOS POSITIONS DIFFER ON SUBSTANCE CAMBODIAN CASE, I HAD BEEN ASKED STRESS THAT ADOPTION PRO-SIHANOUK RESOLUTION WOULD CONSTITUTE GRAVE PRECEDENT FOR UN SINCE IT WAS SIGNIFY INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATE. ONE MIGHT FAVOR THIS PARTICULAR RESOLUTION BUT FOR IT TO PASS WOULD OPEN PANDORA'S BOX INVOLVING POSSIBLE DELETERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OTHER UN MEMBERS. DIRECT INTEREST OF ALL STATES, BUT PARTICULARLY SMALLER POWERS, WOULD SEEM LIE IN STRENGTHENING UN MACHINERY. PASSAGE RESOLUTION OF TYPE PROPOSED WOULD NOT ONLY FAIL CHANGE OBJECTIVE SITUATION ON GROUND BUT ILLUSTRATE ANEW UNGA WEAKNESS. EVEN THOUGH GOS OPPOSITION PROPOSED RESOLUTION COULD HARDLY BE
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EXPECTED VIEW SUDAN'S PAST POSITION ON ISSUE, I STRESSED THAT,

IN LIGHT FOREGOING FACTORS AND SPECIAL IMPORTANCE USG
ATTACHES TO GOS VOTE, SUDAN MIGHT FIND IT IN ITS INTEREST
TO ABSTAIN.

2. OBEID CONFIRMED GOS POLICY WAS TO SUPPORT SIHANOUK. HE COULD
ACCORDINGLY GIVE ME NO POSITIVE REPLY BUT WOULD RAISE MATTER AT
HIGHER LEVELS AND LET ME KNOW GOS DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
REVERTING TO THIS ISSUE LATER IN OUR CONVERSATION, OBEID
NOTED EGYPTIANS HAD JUST SUSPENDED DISCUSSIONS AT KILO 101
OUT OF FRUSTRATION OVER ISRAELI RELUCTANCE WITHDRAW TO OCT
22 CEASEFIRE LINES IN ACCORDANCE UN RESOLUTION. OBEID INDICATED
GOS MIGHT BE MORE SYMPATHETIC USG APPROACHES ON UN VOTES IF
EXISTING UN RESOLUTIONS ON MIDEAST IMPLEMENTED.

3. COMMENT: DOUBT OUR ARGUMENTS WILL MODIFY SUDANESE POSITION
BUT WE HAVE AT LEAST UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH THIS
ISSUE. RE HANDLING APPROACH, WISH NOTE REFTTEL AS WELL AS
STATE 232034 WERE TRANSMITTED TO ALL EXCEPT INITIAL ACTION
ADDRESSEE UNDER ROUTINE PRECEDENCE. APPARENTLY NEW REGULATIONS
REQUIRE IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE BE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED FOR
EACH RPT EACH ACTION ADDRESSEE. HAD THIS BEEN DONE IN THIS CASE,
WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TAKE ACTION HERE NOV 30, ALBEIT FRIDAY,
BEFORE THOSE OFFICIALS IN OFFICE HAD DISAPPEARED TO MOSQUE.
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